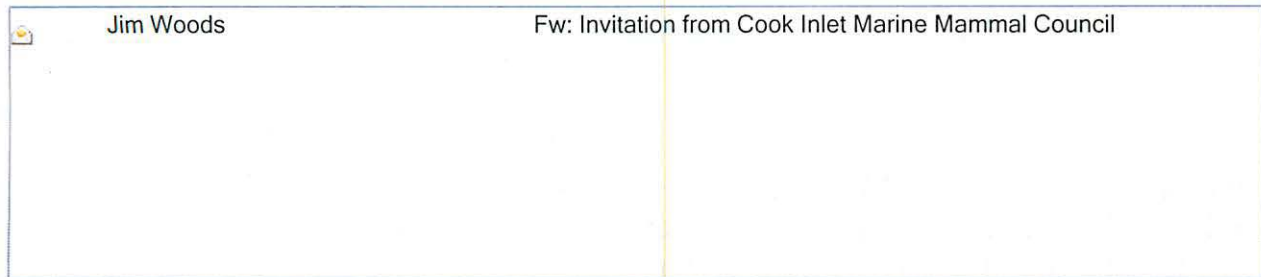




**Fw: Invitation from Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council**

**Jim Woods** to: Dennis McLerran, Michelle Pirzadeh, Dianne Soderlund

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Dianne, Dennis and Michelle,

FYI... Please see the invitation below by Jess Lanman President of the Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council (and Councilman with AK Village of Chickaloon). Before the holidays Running Grass and I listened to a number of their very broad environmental concerns with Cook Inlet.

Dianne- I noticed they initially had your email wrong.

*Jim Woods*  
*Senior Tribal Policy Advisor*  
*Office of the Executive*  
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December 21, 2011

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cc Barb  
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Dear Running Grass:

Many Thanks to you and Jim Woods for Teleconferencing on December 16, 2011 with me and the Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council Advisory Team, listening about our concerns on industrial development issues in Cook Inlet and the environmental matters concerning the waters and watersheds of Cook Inlet that are critical and essential to tribal cultural and traditional resources . the fisheries and marine life, that we have used and relied on since time immemorial. Examples of our concerns we discussed are: the permitting that is rapidly expanding oil and gas activities i.e., ESCOPETA Company has created a proprietary environmental assessment -- which is highly questionable; the impacts to Endangered Cook Inlet Beluga Whale from the APACHE Incidental Harassment Authorization /permit to harass 30 Cook Inlet Beluga; APACHE Company, registered out of Texas and drilling now in Cook Inlet -- we are also very concerned about when they claim in the Federal Register to have Consulted on a Government to Government basis when they have not met with the Tribal governments.all the parties are ANCSA Village Corporations, not the Federally Recognized Tribal Governments of Cook Inlet; potential negative impacts from a Coal Mine Proposal to dig up Chuitna River, a major Northern Cook Inlet River where 5 fish species are harvested. This Open Pit Coal Strip Mine is planned to be the largest coal mine operation in Alaska. The Tribes in this Region are concerned about significant water quality contamination and degraded air quality. These industrial activities are placing an undue and disproportionate burden on our Tribal communities. Furthermore, where are the Executive Orders on Environmental Justice for Government to Government Consultation and we question if they are being observed? Permitting primacy of NPDES to State of Alaska, DEC has now created a backlog of processing the permits for the oil and gas activities. The State of Alaska has not demonstrated Water Quality Standards another permit program that we have profound concerns about Water Quality Degradation Standards. There appears to be a rubber stamping, a very gray area that appears to be weakening Water Quality Standards. Tribal Governments are progressing towards developing water quality Ordinances and enforcement of protecting clean waters and clean air, significant cultural properties.

Running  
Grass

→ Please consider this a formal invitation to attend the next Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council Meeting to be held January 20, 2012 in Anchorage Alaska. We have time to create the Agenda to begin a meaningful dialogue concerning these matters.

Thank you for the suggestion of also inviting Dianne Soderlund, EPA Alaska Operations Director who I also include in this formal invitation to join us as we come together to approach what is the best format and start that formal dialogue.



Again, I thank you for teleconferencing with us, taking the time to listen to our concerns and your suggestions to begin this dialogue in a face to face meeting are appreciated.

May Creator Bless Our Footsteps,

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